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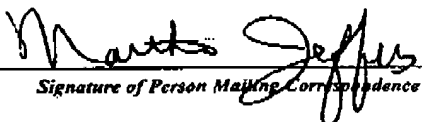
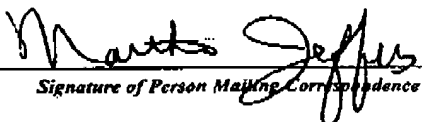
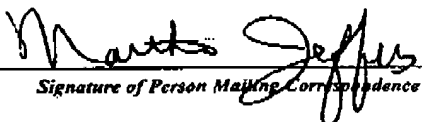
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RE:	Serial No. 10/042,753; Svej-22-4 1734
Date:	March 2, 2004
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Message:


Please find enclosed the following documents:

1. Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent
2. Amendment response to telephone conversation of March 1, 2004

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Applicant(s): DAVID L. BURKE, ET AL											
Serial No. 10/042,753	Filing Date 7/23/2002	Examiner LAURA E. EDWARDS		Group Art Unit 1734							
Invention: SEASONING SYSTEM AND METHOD											
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.											
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00						
 <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4345 in the amount of \$100.00 for Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4345 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.											
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Invention: SEASONING SYSTEM AND METHOD			
Owner of Record: PAUL J. SVEJKOVSKY, MARQUEZ TX (US)			
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
<p>The above-identified owner of record of a 100% percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,588,363. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors and/or assigns.</p> <p>In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of the prior patent, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. 1.321, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.</p> <p>Check either box 1 or 2 below, if appropriate.</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> For submissions on behalf of an organization (e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.), the undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the organization.</p> <p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The undersigned is an attorney of record.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="text-align: center;"> _____ <small>Signature</small></div><div style="text-align: right;">Dated: <i>March 2, 2004</i></div></div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">LOREN G. HELMREICH, REG. NO. 29,389 _____ <small>Typed or Printed Name</small></div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) included. <input type="checkbox"/> PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was unchanged. <input type="checkbox"/> Certification under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) is required if terminal disclaimer is signed by the assignee.</div>			

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In re Application of:

David L. Burke, et al.

Application No.: 10/042,753

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For: SEASONING SYSTEM
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Attorney Docket No. Svej 22-4

Group Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to a telephone conversation and subsequent confirming telecopy from Examiner Laura Edwards on March 1, 2004, please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.